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EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Meeting of September 1, 2009

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione, John Mann

Members Absent: Bob Von Haden

Minutes. The minutes of the August 3, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

1. Discussion and Recommendation Regarding Historic Plaque for Owen Park Bandshell.

Pat Ivory informed the Commission that a group of individuals had contacted him regarding an interest in erecting a historic plaque recognizing Donald æSarge Boyd. The plaque would be erected in the vicinity of the Owen Park Donald æSarge Boyd Bandshell.

Mr. Willard Brill was present at the meeting and indicated that a group of people would like to give greater recognition to Don æSarge Boyd by erecting a plaque near the bandshell. Mr. Brill briefly reviewed the narrative that he had prepared for the plaque.

Mrs. Anne Walker discussed the general design for the plaque noting that they liked the design that the Commission has used for the historic markers along the recreational trail. It was noted that two of the recreational trail markers are presently located within Owen Park, one near the tennis courts and one in the vicinity of the playground equipment.

The Commission discussed the concept and thanked Mr. Brill and Mrs. Walker for their interest in recognizing æSarge Boyd. The Commission noted that there was a landmark plaque located to the west of the bandshell, but the narrative on the plaque was very brief. The Commission also noted that they had published a brochure about the bandshell and Boyd; however, the focus of the brochure was on the bandshell.

In review of the narrative prepared by Mr. Brill, the Commission suggested that its length be condensed to a length similar to the other recreational trail markers. The Commission also noted that the design of the plaque should be similar to the recreational trail markers as two are already located within the park.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Brill and Mrs. Walker should proceed with work on developing a plaque for Donald æSarge Boyd within Owen Park. The plaque should be of a similar design as the plaques along the recreational trail. In addition, Mr. Brill and Mrs. Walker should submit a revised narrative for the plaque that has been reduced in length. Photos for the plaque should also be researched. Further discussion about the design of the plaque and its location will occur at that time.

2. Discussion on 2009 CLG Grant.

Pat Ivory informed the Commission that the informational meeting for the CLG grant project is scheduled for October 19th. The grant funds will be used to conduct Intensive Historic Surveys for the Eastside Hill Neighborhood and the neighborhood located to the northwest of Platt Street and First Street. Tim Heggland and Joe DeRose from the State Historical Society will attend the meeting. The Commission discussed methods to inform the neighborhoods about the informational meeting. Pat indicated that he had been in contact with the president of the Eastside Hill Neighborhood and that an article would be included in their September newsletter. In addition, the neighborhood will be meeting on September 17th and the CLG meeting will be discussed. Pat added that no active neighborhood association currently represents the west side area. The Commission suggested contacting businesses and churches in the area to see if flyers could be posted regarding the meeting.

3. Discussion the Amended Third Ward Historic Landmark District.

The Commission discussed the draft district plan for the Amended Third Ward Historic Landmark District. The draft was prepared based on input from the Commission at the August meeting. Commission members indicated that they liked the draft and illustrations that were included. Pat noted that the public hearing for consideration of the amended district would be in October.

4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. State Review Board Meeting. Pat informed the Commission that he was informed that the Wisconsin Historical Society did not plan to sponsor a tour or hospitality gathering as part of the State Review Board meeting on October 23rd. Pat noted that the State thanked the Commission for their interest in helping if an activity had been planned.

B. Commission Appointments. The Commission discussed that Ken Ziehr and John Mann would be completing their second terms on the Commission at the end of the year. Possible replacements were discussed and it was suggested that Katrinka Bourne become the architect for the Commission. A citizen member and historian would need to fill the two vacant positions. John Mann stated that he would talk to a couple individuals that may be interested in the historian position.

C. 2008 Annual Report. The Commission reviewed the 2008 CLG Annual Report.

D. HPF Report. Pat Kurtenbach from the Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF) updated the Commission on projects and activities of the HPF.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned a 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary